



# Grower of the Year Award

## Nomination Form

Ohio's "Grower of the Year" award is an annual honor awarded by the Ohio Grape Industries Committee (OGIC), to an individual, family or vineyard who displays outstanding excellence in viticulture management. The award recipient is recognized by others for their innovation and leadership within the Ohio's grape industry.

This award is limited to Ohio's grape growers only. Nominees may include an individual, family or vineyard who reside or are located in Ohio. Consideration will only be given to nominations that clearly address the criteria on this form. Nominations or endorsements received after the submission deadline will not be reviewed.

### Nominator Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominee Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Grower of the Year Criteria:

- Recognized by fellow growers and wineries as an efficient, successful producer of high-quality grapes
- Contributed to the success of other growers
- Demonstrates a commitment to adoption of new technologies, processes or innovations to improve grape quality and/or profitability
- Demonstrates a commitment to industry well-being
- Demonstrates a commitment to enhancing the environmental benefits of grape production
- Contributes to the awareness and market success of a grape variety(ies) or an appellation
- Follows viticultural practices to produce optimum fruit quality and healthy vines.

### Submission Requirement Checklist:

- Completed nomination form.
- One-page letter highlighting why this individual and/or company is being nominated.
- A biography of the nominee, not to exceed one page. (Should include statement of industry contributions.)

### Nomination Guidelines:

- The nominator must NOT be an immediate family relative, employer or employee of the nominee.
- The nominator can only put forward one nominee per year.
- The nominee cannot be a current Ohio Grape Industries Committee member.

### Nomination Submission:

Send items listed under "Submission Requirement Checklist" to the following:

Ohio Grape Industries Committee  
Attn: Christy Eckstein  
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(614) 728-6438 or  
[ceckstein@agri.ohio.gov](mailto:ceckstein@agri.ohio.gov)

**Nominations must be received by December 11, 2015**